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In re Patent Application of

ELLIS et al.

Atty. Ref.: 36-1372

Serial No. 09/674,073

TC/A.U.: 2154

Filed: October 26, 2000

Examiner: El Hady, N.

For: SERVICE PROVISION SUPPORT SYSTEM

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June 21, 2006

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR REFUND

A refund is respectfully requested for the overpayment made when a reply was filed. Therefore it is requested that the overpayment of \$330.00 be refunded to Applicant's undersigned attorney by crediting \$330.00 to our deposit account no. 14-1140 under Order No. 36-1372.

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2005, Applicant filed a reply dated January 30, 2006 (i.e., 4 months from the date of the Office Action). The reply included a two month time extension fee of \$450.00. However, the reply should have included only a one month time extension fee of \$120.00.

Accordingly, the submission of the \$450.00 fee for the two month time extension with the January 30, 2006 reply was an erroneous overpayment. That is, the additional time extension fee of \$330.00 (\$450.00 for a two month time extension minus \$120.00

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Title: SERVICE PROVISION SUPPORT SYSTEM

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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	19	minus highest number		
previously paid for	43	(at least 20) =	0	x \$50.00
				\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	6	minus highest number		
previously paid for	9	(at least 3) =	0	x \$200.00
				\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add				
				\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s)				
				One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)
				Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)
				Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)
				Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254)
				Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$ 450.00
				\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims "small entity" status.	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed herewith
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\$180.00 (1806) \$

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee

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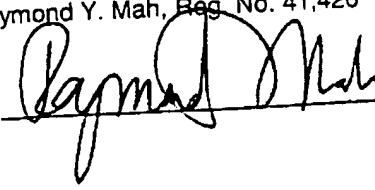
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TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 450.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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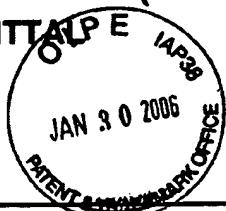
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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Fr</i>	Application Number	09/674,073
	Filing Date	October 26, 2000
	First Named Inventor	ELLIS et al.
	Group Art Unit	2154
	Examiner Name	El Hady, N.
	Attorney Docket Number	36-1372

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required)

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- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b. Fees are attached as calculated below:

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	\$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801)	\$ 790.00
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date 2 months (less	months previously paid)	\$ 450.00
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		\$ _____
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.		
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (credit card payment form attached) in the amount of \$ 1240.00		
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print Type)	Raymond Y. Mah	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41,426
Signature		Date	January 30, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

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